UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA CHARLOTTE DIVISION

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RICKY C. BROWN,)	
Petitioner,)	
V.)	ORDER and NOTICE
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)	
Respondent.)	
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THIS MATTER is before this Court upon Respondent's Motion for Summary Judgment. (Doc. No. 7).

In accordance with <u>Roseboro v. Garrison</u>, 528 F.2d 309 (4th Cir. 1975), the Court advises Petitioner, who is proceeding <u>pro se</u>, of the heavy burden that he carries in responding to Respondent's Motion for Summary Judgment.

Rule 56(e)(2), Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, provides:

When a motion for summary judgment is properly made and supported, an opposing party may not rely merely on allegations or denials in its own pleadings; rather, its response must -- by affidavits or as otherwise provided in this rule -- set out specific facts showing a genuine issue for trial. If the opposing party does not so respond, summary judgment should, if appropriate, be entered against that party.

This language means that if the Petitioner has any evidence to offer to show that there is a genuine issue for trial, he must now present it to this Court in a form which would otherwise be admissible at trial, that is, in the form of affidavits or unsworn declarations. An affidavit is a written statement sworn before a notary public. An unsworn statement, made and signed under

the penalty of perjury, may also be submitted. Affidavits or sworn statements must be presented by Petitioner to this Court within thirty (30) days of the entry of this Order. As stated by Rule 56(e)(2), Petitioner's failure to respond may result in granting summary judgment to Respondent, that is, the dismissal of the Motion to Vacate with prejudice.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that Petitioner has thirty (30) days from the entry of this Order to file his response, including any evidence, to Respondent's Motion for Summary Judgment.

The Clerk is directed to send copies of this Order and Notice to the parties, including Ricky C. Brown, No. 21556-058, United States Penitentiary Lee, P.O. Box 305, Jonesville, VA 24263.

Signed: December 15, 2008

Robert J. Conrad, Jr.

Chief United States District Judge